

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-21, 25 and 30 were pending. Claims 1-21, 25 and 30 were rejected. In this response, claim 30 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-10, 15, 17-21, and 25 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-21 and 25 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 11-13, 15, 17, 21, 25 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0099786 of Chun ("Chun") [cited in the previous office action], in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,961,583 of Van Fleet ("Van Fleet"). As discussed below, the pending claims are patentable over the above reference. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-21 and 25 include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

Specifically, for example, independent claim 1 includes limitations of multiple system management applications manage the same host system, where a file stored in a non-volatile memory of the host system is maintained to store identifiers of those processed event of a system event log. As a result, when an event of the system event log of the host system has been processed, an identifier of that event is stored in the ID file.

Subsequently, for example, after the reboot of the host system, a second system management application may pick up the duties of managing the host system. The second system management application may determine a next unprocessed event based on the identifiers stored in the ID file and continue to process the unprocessed events in the system event log without processing those that have been processed, for example, prior to reboot of

the host system. It is respectfully submitted that the above limitations are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

Rather, Chun is related to a system for storing alarm information generated from a network and distributing the alarms by transmitting the alarm information to multiple alarm managers which are separate workstations or PCs over the network (see Abstract of Chun). Specifically, the system of Chun includes an alarm management host computer 200 having an alarm processor 220 to collect the alarm information from a network (rather than from the alarm management host computer 200 itself), to store the alarm information in an alarm database 240, and to distribute the alarm information from the alarm database to multiple listener tables 250-253. Each of the listener tables 250-253 is associated with an alarm manager 260-263 respectively (see, Fig. 2; paragraphs [0031] to [0035] of Chun).

It is respectfully submitted that the alarm information is not system event records regarding operational events of the host system (e.g., the same host system rather than the network) as claimed in the present application. Rather, the alarm information is collected from a network (e.g., the alarm information of other entities in the network other than the alarm management host computer 200 itself).

In addition, each listener table of Chun is associated with an exclusive alarm manager. That is, only the specific alarm manager can access the associated listener table. As a result, there is no need to lock the listener table in order to prevent other alarm managers from accessing the same listener table. The lock of Chun used in a listener table is used to prevent an alarm manager from reading while the alarm processor 220 is writing to the same table.

Although Van Fleet discloses a method for event management, Van Fleet still fails to disclose the limitations set forth above. Further, there is no suggestion within Chun and Van

Fleet to combine with each other. Even if they were combined, such a combination still lacks the limitations set forth above. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is patentable over Chun in view of Van Fleet.

Similarly, independent claims 15 and 25 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 1. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, independent claims 15 and 25 are patentable over the cited references.

Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, at least for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are patentable over the cited references.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 3, 5, 8-10, 14, 16, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chun and Van Fleet further in view of "Intelligent Platform Management Interface Specification v1.0" [p. 1-13, 23, 69 and 93-103; hereinafter "IPMI1.0." cited in previous office action].

For the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that IPMI1.0 also fails to disclose or suggest the limitations set forth above. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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